Coonemmavoo-Alwaye road.

89. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have begun the works connected with the Coonemmavoo-Alwaye road, if so, when and if not, why not?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : The work has been started this year and is in progress.

Opium and the Travancore Sugars and Chemicals, Ltd.

90 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was a proposal to supply opium free of duty to the Travancore Sugars and Chemicals, Ltd.; and

(*b*) the amount of opium consumed by them in 1115 and till the end of Edavom 1116?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Quantity of opium consumed in 1115 was 100½ seers and that during 1116 (till the end of Edavom) 177½ seers.

Vishavaidyasala at Haripad.

91. *MR. G. VELU PILLAI : (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any recognised Vishavaidyasala at Haripad;

(*b*) the year in which it was given recognition;

(*c*) whether any grant is given to the Vishavaidyasala at present;

(*d*) whether any Vaidyasala in the State, which was recognised after this, is given grant;

(*e*) the principle adopted by Government in the matter of giving grants to recognised Vaidyasalas; and

(*f*) whether Government have received representations from the inhabitants of Kartikapalli taluk for giving grant to the recognised Vishavaidyasala at Haripad?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 1930.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Efficiency of the Vaidyan and the utility of the Vaidyasala are the main criteria for the award of grant-in-aid to a vaidyasala.

(*f*) Yes.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI : With reference to the answer to part (*f*), may I know whether Government have taken any action in connection with the representation?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : Yes, they have called for a report from the Director of Ayurveda.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI : May I know whether Government are aware that this particular Visha Vaidyan belongs to a backward community?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : Yes; Government are aware.

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